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Congresswoman praises President Jordan's efforts


U.S. Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) recently recognized the life's work of President Jordan.

The tribute, given Sept. 20 and entered into the Congressional Record, highlighted Dr. Jordan's personal and professional life.

During her speech, the California legislator spoke highly of Jordan, who announced his retirement on September 1. Rep. Woolsey is a Congressional appointee to the University's Board of Trustees.

"He [Jordan] has proven to be an able, caring leader propelling the University forward as well as becoming a strong advocate for deaf students on the federal level," she said. "I wish Dr. Jordan much happiness in his retirement as he

looks forward to traveling with his wife ... and spending more time with his family. His compassion and service will be greatly missed. I am proud to have had a chance to work with him these past years."

Jordan will leave his post on December 31, 2006. A website, accessible through a link on the university's homepage, will be created to provide updates on the presidential search process. 

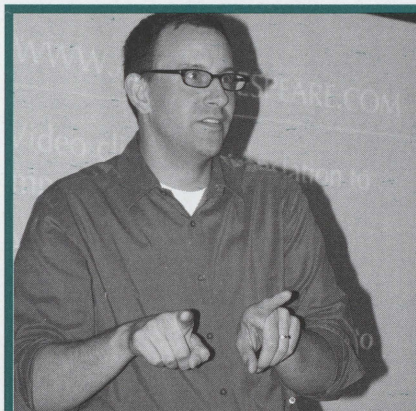
(For the full text of Woolsey's statement, go to: <http://my.gallaudet.edu/bbcswebdav/institution/DailyDigest/employees/woolsey.doc>)

Architects selected for Language and Communication Center

The University has selected the SmithGroup to design the new James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center on campus. SmithGroup is the nation's eighth largest architecture, engineering, interiors, and planning firm, and is based in Washington, D.C.

George Balsley, a deaf architect from Amherst, Mass., has joined SmithGroup for this project and will offer his expertise to ensure that the new center is imbued with deaf-friendly elements.

(Read more about the SmithGroup SLCC project at my.gallaudet.edu/bbcswebdav/institution/DailyDigest/employees/smithgroup.doc)



Dr. Peter Novak, co-chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at the University of San Francisco, Calif., gives a presentation on translating William Shakespeare's work into ASL. The September 6 presentation was part of the class, "Hands on Shakespeare: ASL Translation, Dramaturgy, and Deaf Theatre," which is co-taught by Novak; Willy Conley, Theatre Arts Department chair; Jennifer Nelson, a professor in the


Department of English; and Dr. Stephen Smith, a professor of English at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pa. Beginning in 1999, Novak spent 18 months with a group of hearing and deaf colleagues at Yale University translating Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. The play was produced by the Amaryllis Theatre Company, a troupe founded by Smith and his wife, Mimi, a theater professor. Amaryllis and Gallaudet's Theatre Arts Department will co-produce an ASL adaptation of Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing* that will open in April. Mimi Smith will direct the production, which will include Gallaudet students and professional actors.

Alumni star in Times Square spot

Gallaudet graduates will be the center of attention in New York City's Times Square during October, thanks to a public service announcement scheduled to run on the Panasonic Company's huge Times Square Astro Vision screen. The video will air once every half hour every day throughout the month.

The 30-second spot, produced collaboratively by the University's Offices of Public Relations, Alumni Relations, and Academic Technology: Television and Media

Production Services, features Gallaudet alumni showing the diverse career paths for deaf and hard of hearing people that a Gallaudet education can bring.

A member of the Gallaudet Board of Associates, Marilyn "Penny" Joseph, is the director of corporate outreach programs at Panasonic and asked Panasonic to provide the University with this unique opportunity. To view the PSA online, go to: mms://win-media.gallaudet.edu/devofc/psa.wmv 



President Jordan and Provost Jane Fernandes meet with (from second left) recruiters Jesse Jones III and Brian Sipek, and Coordinator of Recruitment Darian Burwell.


New Admissions staff starts off a new year

Two of Gallaudet's recruiters for 2005-06 recently met with President Jordan and Provost Jane Fernandes. Brian Sipek is beginning his second year as a recruiter for the Western region of the U.S. and part of Canada. Jesse Jones III is new to the position and will focus on the Midwest.

Erin Kearney also joined the recruiting team to cover the Eastern region and a portion of Canada. Other additions to the Admissions staff include Admissions Counselor Usherla DeBerry and Visitors' Coordinator Rachel Pigott.

During the meeting, Dr. Fernandes encouraged the recruiters

to stress the strong academic environment at Gallaudet when meeting prospective students. Dr. Jordan advised them to tell students about Gallaudet's inclusiveness. "Every deaf person, whether they have a cochlear implant, are hard of hearing, oral, or if they sign in ASL or lean more toward English, will be welcome here and, more importantly, will be supported here," he said.

Coordinator of Recruitment Darian Burwell said she felt very positive about the new group, adding that the Admissions Office is looking at "a good year, a good team." 



New Admissions staff are (from left): Admissions Counselor Usherla DeBerry, Visitors' Coordinator Rachel Pigott, and Recruiter Erin Kearney.

Presentation highlights newest site for hands-on study abroad

Just steps from the auditorium named in honor of deaf education pioneer Andrew Foster, another Gallaudet alumnus, Aloysius Bibum, recently spoke of his own effort to expand opportunities for deaf students. In 2003, Bibum and his wife, Margaret, established the Buea School for the Deaf in the Southwest Province of Cameroon. The school offers much-needed elementary education to deaf students between the ages of 6 and 16.

The Gallaudet community has shown strong support for the school through contributions of

school supplies, sports equipment, and monetary donations.

Individuals, including Teresa Arcari and Marcia Schweitzer of the Social Work Department, also helped in the Bibums' effort. Soon, Gallaudet will send its first student intern as part of the International Deaf Partnership Project. Hillary Roberts, a communications major, will begin a two-semester stint at the Buea School this fall. Roberts will teach students and spearhead public relations efforts including developing a newsletter for parents and donors.

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Administration & Finance

Flea market brings overflow parking lot to life



Omowale Sia, manager of "Friends in the Marketplace," greets visitors to the flea market at his vendor's stall.



Shoppers browse through a sea of goods of every description at the flea market.

On weekends, Gallaudet's overflow parking lot at Sixth and Neal streets is transformed into a bustling bazaar, teeming with shoppers perusing the goods of vendors whose stalls are filled with almost every imaginable item.

Called "Friends in the Marketplace," a cooperative agreement between the University and Y.O.U.T.H. Group and Associates, Inc., an organization that teaches entrepreneurial skills to inner-city teenagers, the flea market has become a popular gathering place since it opened in June.

On a recent Saturday, shoppers milled about piles of new and used clothing, tents filled with antiques and African wood carvings, rows of appliances, electronics, furniture, and bicycles, and tables filled with fragrant oils and incense, china, jewelry, household products, and countless other odds and ends. In the background, "DJ Big P" kept the mood lively, spinning a mix of


R&B, jazz, and oldies.

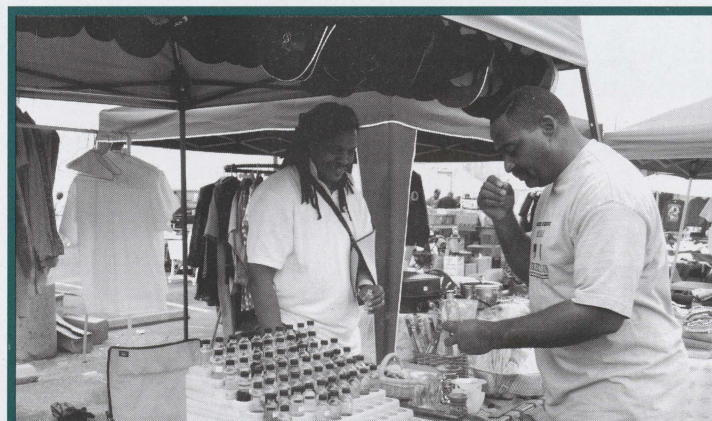
The creator of this shopper's paradise is Omowale Sia, the director of Y.O.U.T.H. Sia said that he noted the parking lot one day during the winter while he was out jogging and thought it would be an ideal space for a flea market. He approached a member of the Gallaudet Community Relations Council with his idea, and he was referred to Connie Allen, coordinator of administrative services in Administration and Finance. They agreed to give it a one-day trial run in April, and the result was positive enough for Sia to continue it every Saturday and Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The vendors—many of whom were displaced from a thriving flea market at the Stadium Armory parking lot on Bladensburg Road when it closed recently—were eager to set up shop at the Gallaudet overflow parking lot. Sia said that the Friends in the Marketplace's 146

spaces frequently fill up—particularly on Saturday.

The venture has been beneficial for participants in the Y.O.U.T.H. program, said Sia, providing the teenagers who help out with the flea market a small salary while, more importantly, teaching them basic business skills and responsibilities. Gallaudet, he said, "has been more than cooperative," adding a pedestrian gate on Fifth Street, repainting concrete parking space markers, installing a new storm drain, and making metal signs advertising the flea market.

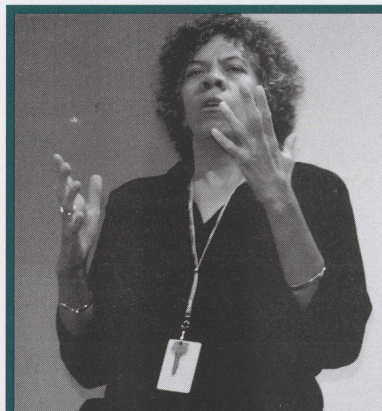
Gallaudet is always looking for ways to be more involved with its neighbors, said Allen. "The flea market initiative touches a variety of constituencies in the area, while teaching local youth valuable managerial and business skills. We are pleased with the success of the flea market and look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with our Friends in the Marketplace." 



Michael Williams samples one of the scented oils sold by Wayne Saunders, a vendor who also carries incense and soaps.



"DJ Big P" adds to the festive mood of the flea market by playing a mix of tunes.



Jaye Austin Williams, the guest director for Gallaudet's fall theater production, *for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf*, gave a presentation sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs on September 12. Williams, who is an accomplished actor, director, playwright, teacher, consultant, and novelist, told of her long-time love of the piece and performed excerpts from the work in ASL. She first saw *for colored girls* performed 30 years ago and

believes that the vignettes exploring issues in women's lives—including education, coming of age, and sexual abuse—are still important today. The fall production, Williams said, will bring to life the stories of women of color, and women overall, through signing, movement, and images.

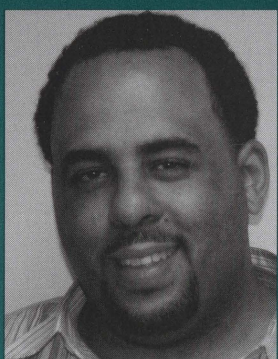
ROVING REPORTER

WHAT HAS BEEN THE GREATEST IMPACT OF HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA?



Marguerite Glass, associate professor, Art Department

"They're getting people to concentrate on how much we're spending on a war that we shouldn't be involved in."



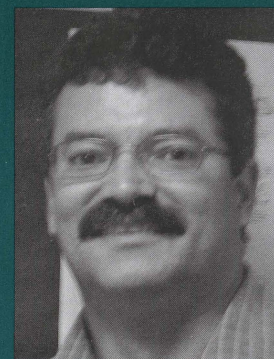
Rick Jones, Helpdesk operator, Academic Technology

"It's opened the door to realizing how we handle emergencies in this country... and that there are problems in this country related to political and socio-economic issues."



Debra Abrams, tutor and writing advisor, English Works

"It demonstrates to Americans and the world at large that America has not successfully dealt with poverty and racism."



Carl Pramuk, dean, Student Affairs

"I think it had the greatest impact on Americans' lack of confidence in the government and FEMA's ability to respond to large scale disasters."

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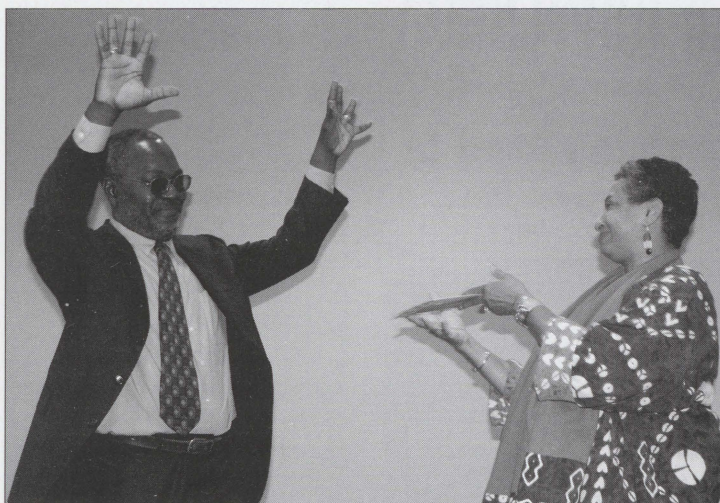
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Aloysius Bibum, '85, shows his appreciation as Dr. Janice Mitchell, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, presents him with a gift from the department that will cover most of the cost of educating one pupil at the Buea School for the Deaf for a full year. Other supporters Bibum recognized included members of the 100 Club—a group of supporters who each gave \$100 to the school—and the Department of Athletics, which donated soccer balls and uniforms. (For information about Friends of Buea School for the Deaf, a group that meets regularly and supports the school, e-mail Christina Berdichevsky.)

Bibum presentation

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While students participating in the International Deaf Partnership Project often complete internships at schools like Buea, placements are not limited to educational settings. Many options are open to students, said Dr. Cristina Berdichevsky, an associate professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, as long as the work complements their major.

Roberts previously interned at a Kenyan refugee camp and the most memorable lesson she learned was directly related to her interest in communication. Soon after her arrival, she discovered that her attitude about sign language is not embraced the world over. "Many people (refugees) have always been under the impression that deaf people were among the more seriously handicapped," she said. Although sign language was seen as inferior to spoken language in the camps, she explained, "I used sign language and I did not try to hide my deafness at all. As my internship progressed and I explained things to staff and the general population alike, people started to treat deaf people with more respect. Deaf people also started to ask that they

be respected."

Other student internship locations have included the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Mexico, Costa Rica, Argentina, and the Philippines. Berdichevsky runs the well-developed Latin American program with an adjunct professor in the department, Tashi Bradford.

During his presentation, Bibum revealed some of his plans that are sure to keep Roberts and future interns busy. He would like to start a high school, work with the Peace Corps to establish a program that would allow American volunteers to help at the school, and establish a program to teach parents to sign.

Working with places like the Buea School and motivated people like Bibum, is incredibly valuable, Berdichevsky said. Because of this belief, she and other faculty and staff are working to increase opportunities for students to learn while making a difference in developing countries. "My model is based on my conviction that nothing replaces experiential learning," Berdichevsky said, and added, "I believe developed nations have an obligation to work with developing nations to build a more just and peaceful world." 



Stu•dent•sau•rus

(stoo•dant•soar•us) n. 1. a special breed of inquisitive men and women who Gallaudet recruits, retains, and educates. 2. pizza-eaters.

Mike Higgins: SBG president finds opportunities at Gallaudet



Mike Higgins

By Anthony Mowl, Institutional Advancement intern

Mike Higgins wouldn't have believed it himself if you had told him three years ago that he would someday become president of the Student Body Government (SBG) at Gallaudet. After all, he was a soccer star, transferring from George Washington University (GWU), where he had played Division I soccer on a scholarship.

Higgins had already chosen GWU over Gallaudet because of the

opportunity to play soccer for a prestigious program, and although he was familiar with Gallaudet, growing up in nearby Potomac, Md., and graduating from MSSD, he initially felt that GWU would offer him more. But when he enrolled, he felt something was missing in his life and often found himself visiting Gallaudet in his spare time.


"Gallaudet always made me feel welcome when I came to visit. The campus is warming and the students are fantastic," said Higgins, who realizes that the transfer was one of the best decisions he could have made, opening the door to a host of opportunities that he has taken advantage of ever since.

In addition to leading his soccer team through one of its most exciting seasons ever, Higgins has interned at the National Association of the Deaf's Law Center in Silver Spring, Md., for the past two summers, working with deaf lawyer Kelby Brick. Higgins spent his summer learning about advocacy in

the deaf community and got a first-hand look at fighting political battles from the trenches.

Higgins' experiences with NAD fueled his life-long interest in politics, and last spring he decided he wanted to improve Gallaudet as much as he could. He threw his hat in the ring for the SBG presidency, and in a whirlwind election week that rivaled the 2000 U.S. presidential election, he emerged the clear victor.

Since becoming SBG president, Higgins has been hard at work choosing his cabinet and developing strategies to accomplish his long list of goals, which include improving student-administrator relationships and implementing a Student Advisory Network that will encourage more student participation in the SBG.

While it is difficult enough being SBG president and playing soccer, Higgins also carries a double major in business administration and finance and is renovating a house he owns right across from Gallaudet on 8th Street. But when it comes time to hang up the cleats and tie, he loves staying at home with his girlfriend and dog. 

STUDENT AFFAIRS Exposé

Orientation 2005: A campus-wide collaboration

By Jerri Lyn Klimkiewicz, Coordinator, Orientation Programs

When hundreds of new students arrived at Gallaudet's front gate on a hot, sunny August weekend, they knew they were in the right place when they saw the large sign proclaiming: "WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!" They knew they were on their way to start a new chapter in their lives.

Long before that crazy and exciting weekend, Orientation Programs staff and many other key offices on campus had been busy planning and preparing for the new students' arrival. The week before Orientation, the Bison leaders, consisting of First Year Seminar teaching assistants and Campus Life paraprofessionals, all participated in training and preparation work to be in tip-top shape for their assigned duties. Some of their training topics included team building, diversity and sensitivity training, ethics and role modeling, and student development theory.

Fresh from training week, the Bison leaders' energy and commitment shone on arrival weekend and throughout Orientation week. They were a virtual sea of "orange shirts" rushing to welcome new students

and their families to their new home away from home. Orientation 2005 was well underway! Some parents actually commented on the comfort of spotting one of those bright shirts when they had a question or were in need of assistance.


What many people may not realize is that New Student orientation 2005 is the culmination of many orientation events that take place throughout the summer. In July, the New Signers' Program and Bridge Program welcomed a total of 39 students and their family members to Gallaudet. Sixteen students attended the New Signers' Program to learn American Sign Language and adjust to the deaf culture prevalent on campus. Twenty-three students attended the Bridge Program to hone their English or mathematics skills to help them improve their performance on their placement tests. Both programs also offered the students the opportunity to participate in Personal Discovery and earn a credit for their physical education requirement.

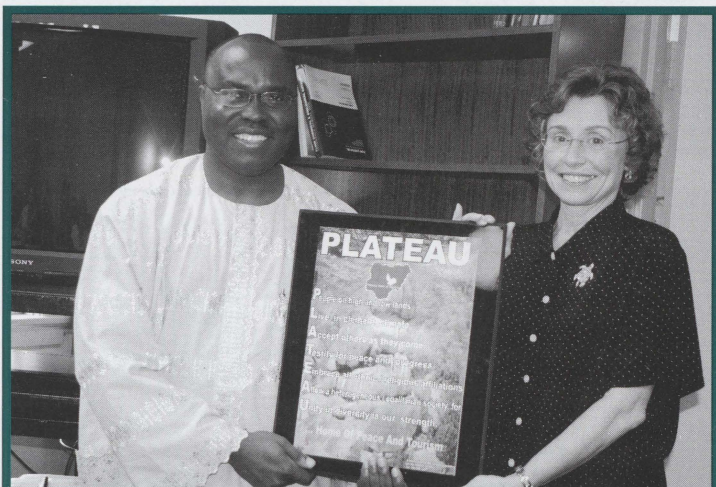
New Student Orientation 2005 also marked the first time that the University has removed the emphasis on testing during the week's activities, having made every effort

to have students tested prior to arrival on campus. This effort was headed by the Office of Academic Skills and Access Programs and involved a lot of hard work and dedication to bring it to fruition.

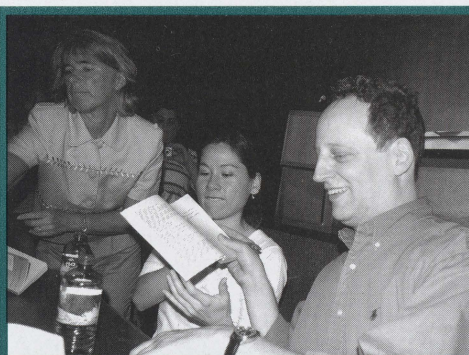
Just before New Student Orientation, new international students arrived to participate in International Student Orientation, sponsored by the Office of International Programs and Services, the Office of Advocacy, and Orientation Programs. These students arrived early to ensure their paperwork was in place before they began the official school year. At the same time, they had the opportunity to learn more about American culture and to meet many of the international staff and faculty on our campus.

Meanwhile, the Office for Students with Disabilities welcomed new students with disabilities and gave them an opportunity to become familiar with the campus and take care of their accommodations paperwork as well as learn how to advocate for themselves in the college environment.

Orientation Programs thanks all of the key offices that collaborated to make Orientation 2005 successful. 



During his six-month sabbatical leave in Nigeria, Dr. Simon Guteng, an associate professor in the Department of Education, worked on disability law sponsored by the Plateau State Government of Nigeria. In appreciation of his contributions and the support of the Department of Education, the government of the Plateau State gave Guteng a gift to bring back to the department. Receiving the gift from Guteng on behalf of the department's faculty and staff is its chair, Dr. Carol Erting.



Douglas Stone and Elizabeth Tippet, authors of *Real College: The Essential Guide to Student Life*, a book that was required reading for first year students, sign copies of their book following a September 16 presentation in Elstad Auditorium. (The

authors donated their speakers' fee to the Gallaudet University Hurricane Relief Fund.) Their visit to campus was sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the First Year Experience. (Also pictured, in the background, is Maria Waters, coordinator for First Year Experience.)

CAMPUS CALENDAR

October

7—Board of Trustees meeting, Kellogg Conference Hotel; CUE Proposals Due, HMB E-150, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Women's Soccer vs. St. Mary's, Soccer Field, 4-6 p.m.; Lee National Design Denim Day; Peer Health Advisors will raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer

8—The American Lung Association's 5th Annual Asthma Walk, 5K walking route around campus, Olmsted Green, 7 a.m.-noon; Men's Soccer vs. Marymount, Soccer Field, 1-4 p.m.

10—Women's Soccer vs. Hood, Soccer Field, 4-6 p.m.

11—Gallaudet will celebrate National Coming Out Day

12—Book discussion, *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini, MLC Library, ME21, 4:15-5:30 p.m.; Book discussion, *My Dog Skip*, by Willie Morris, MLC Library, ME21, 6-7 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Marymount, Field House, 7-9 p.m.

13—Women's Soccer vs. Mary Washington, Soccer Field, 4-6 p.m.

14-16—Family Weekend 2005, welcomes families of current students to campus. To participate or host an event, contact Shondra Dickson at x5050 or shondra.dickson@gallaudet.edu.

14—Open House for prospective undergraduate students and parents, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

15—Football vs. Williamson Trade, Hotchkiss Field, 1-3 p.m.;

Men's Soccer vs. York, Soccer Field, 1-3 p.m.

17—New Gallaudet Faculty Meeting, HMB E-150, 12-1 p.m.; Women's Soccer vs. Goucher, Soccer Field, 4-6 p.m.

18—Enrichment Day, annual program for students, faculty, teachers, and staff on an important Academic Affairs topic, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; New Gallaudet Faculty and Staff Meeting, HMB E-150, 12-1 p.m.

19—AAPD National Disability Mentoring Day, promotes career development for students and job-seekers with disabilities through job shadowing, Career Library (SAC 2251), 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; The Scholars' Forum, in which faculty will share the findings of their research, HMB E-150, 12-1 p.m.

20—CLAST Chair's Meeting, HMB E-150, 1-2:30 p.m.; Department of Business 50th Anniversary Celebration, GUKCC Swindells Auditorium and Ballroom, 1-10 p.m. (afternoon events are open to the public and the evening gala is by invitation only), go to: business.gallaudet.edu/dob50

21-22—2005 Homecoming, events include anniversary class reunions, pep rally, pre-game party, Open House at House One, and athletic events

22—Men's Soccer vs. Valley Forge, Soccer Field, 12-2 p.m.; Football vs. SUNY-Maritime, Hotchkiss Field, 1-3 p.m.; Women's Soccer vs. Bryn Mawr, Soccer Field, 2-4 p.m.

CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

Clerc Center lends helping hand to Hurricane Katrina survivors



Photo by Michael Walton

KDES Store volunteers (from left) are: Justice Abbott, Ronald Washington, teacher aide Patti McIntyre, Diamante Brooks, Susan Schatz (teacher/researcher—Team 4/5), and Derika Saunders.

By Michael Walton

One of the first things Clerc Center students, teachers, and staff learned about upon returning to school to start the new year was the sobering news of the devastation and human suffering brought on by Hurricane Katrina.

One thousand miles away from the Gulf Coast in Washington, D.C., KDES students discussed with their teachers the grim aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and decided to help.

Their mission was to raise money for deaf students of the Louisiana School for the Deaf who may have lost their homes and belongings in the hurricane. Team

4/5 teacher/researcher Susan Schatz and her students began their fundraising efforts by asking members of the Clerc Center community to donate toys, games, clothing, shoes, small appliances, and other items to a KDES store, which was set up near the school's main lobby. The community responded in kind, donating an overwhelming number of items the students could sell in order to raise money for the relief efforts.


Schatz and her students then organized the goods, created signs announcing their store, and created an "employee schedule" to ensure the store was fully staffed. After the store was ready to open, Team 4/5 students staffed the store each day

by selling their goods, collecting payments, and keeping their store neat and tidy. "When we discussed what to do to help the survivors of Hurricane Katrina, we felt we had to do this because it was for such a worthwhile cause," said Schatz. "At the same time, students could also learn very important life lessons such as managing money, how to work with others, treating people with respect. They are also learning patience."

One student, Derika Saunders, explained the goal for the Louisiana School for the Deaf students: "I want us to raise as much money as possible. I want to help them because they need help."

At MSSD, students and staff are opening their doors to welcome displaced deaf students whose schools were closed. So far, one student whose school was destroyed by Katrina has enrolled at MSSD.

In addition to welcoming displaced Gulf Coast deaf students, Gallaudet and Clerc Center staff members have journeyed to Baton Rouge, La., and Houston, Tex. to counsel and help deaf students there. Gallaudet has an agreement with the American Red Cross to provide services in the event of a disaster involving deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind individuals.

A blog, clercblog.gallaudet.edu/hurricane, has been set up to record the relief efforts of Alexis Greeves, a Clerc Center outreach specialist from the Office of Training and Professional Development, and Dr. Barbara White, a professor in the Department of Social Work, who are in Houston. 



Charity Reedy Hines, director of admissions (left), and Debra Lawson, director of outreach programs and publications (right), present Darian Burwell, coordinator of recruitment, her five-year service award at a September 2 breakfast, hosted by Office of Enrollment Services staff, thanking members of the campus for their recruiting efforts.



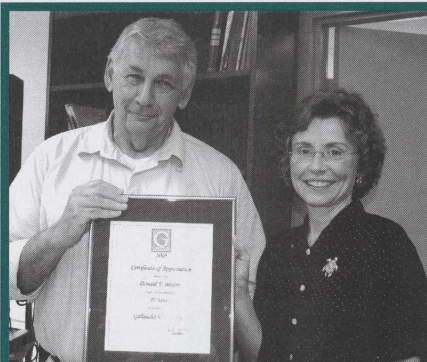
Dr. Ronald Dreher, chair of the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, congratulates Dr. Ann Graziadei (right), a professor in the department, and Susan Gill-Doleac, assistant director of the Gallaudet Dance Company, for 20 years of service to the University.



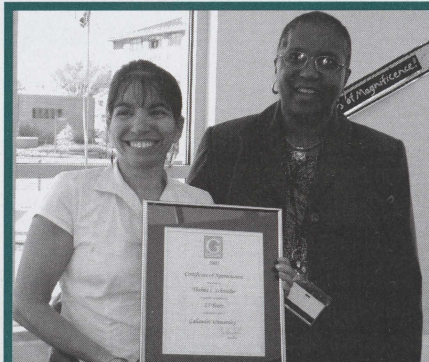
Dr. Janet Pray, faculty fellow for planning in the President's Office and a professor in the Social Work Department, receives her 25-year service award from Dr. Marquessa Brown, chair of the Social Work Department.



Susan Ganz, administrative secretary in the Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS), is congratulated for 20 years of service to the University by OIPS Director 'Bunmi Aina.



Dr. Carol Erting, chair of the Department of Education, presents Dr. Donald Moores, a professor in the department, with his 25-year service award.



Eileen Matthews, associate dean of the Center for Academic Programs and Student Services, recognizes Thelma Schroeder, director of the Academic Advising Office, for 25 years of service to Gallaudet.